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SUBJECT: SOCIALIST PRESS COMMENT ON PORTUGUESE SITUATION

REF: BRUSSELS 7619

1. BELGIAN SOCIALIST PARTY FRENCH-LANGUAGE DAILY LE PEUPLE  
PUBLISHED AUGUST 29 COMMENT BY INTERNATIONAL STAFF WRITER ROBERT  
FALONY ON POLITICAL SITUATION IN PORTUGAL FOLLOWING AUGUST 27  
DEMONSTRATION BY 'REVOLUTIONARY UNITED FRONT'. COMMENT IS HIGHLY  
CRITICAL OF THIS EXTREME LEFT-WING DEMONSTRATION AND PORTUGUESE  
COMMUNIST PARTY'S ASSOCIATION WITH EXTREMIST GROUPS. COMMENTARY  
CONCLUDES THAT CUNHAL IS NO LONGER SEEKING DIALOGUE WITH MODERATE  
LEFT OF MEA AND SOCIALIST PARTY, ASSERTING THAT ONE CANNOT LAUNCH  
APPEALS FOR UNITED STRUGGLE AGAINST FASCISM AND AT SAME TIME  
BEHAVE IN PRACTICAL WAY WHICH RENDERS SUCH UNITY IMPOSSIBLE. FALONY  
AFFIRMS THAT UNITY IS, HOWEVER, NECESSARY AND URGENT. HE THEN ADDS  
THAT 'U.S. EMBASSY IN LISBON IS LESS AND LESS CONCEALING ITS GROSS  
INTERNATIONAL INTERVENTION IN PORTUGUESE POLITICS.'

2. FALONY ASSERTS THAT PROPOSAL FOR CONFERENCE OF SOCIALIST  
AND COMMUNIST PARTIES BRINGING TOGETHER FRENCH, ITALIANS, SPANISH.  
AND PORTUGUESE - IS IN PRESENT CONTEXT OF HIGHEST IMPORTANCE  
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AND NOT ONLY FOR PORTUGAL. HE SAID THIS PROPOSAL, 'WHICH HAS

MET WITH APPROVAL FROM SOME, WITH RESERVATION AND SILENCE  
FROM OTHERS, REPRESENTS A REPLY TO THE ASSUALT WHICH INTERNATIONAL  
REACTION IS PREPARING AGAINST SOCIALIST POSITION.' IN  
FOOTNOTE, FALONY NOTES THAT PROPOSAL HAS FAVORABLY BEEN  
COMMENTED ON BY BELGIAN COMMUNIST PARTY. (REFTEL.

3. COMMENT: BELGIAN SOCIALIST PARTY POLITICAL BUREAU WILL  
RECONVENE SEPTEMBER 1 AFTER MONTH-LONG VACATION. IT WILL PROBABLY  
SOON ISSUE AN AUTHORITATIVE PARTY PRONOUNCEMENT ON PORTUGUESE  
SITUATION AND SCARES CALL FOR SCIALIST COMMUNIST PARTY MEETING.  
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